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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 15000 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED 20 OCT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT; GRAIN/OIL NEGOTIATIONS

DEPT PASS USDEL SECRETARY PEKING

FROM UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

REF: A) STATE 248482 B) STATE 248448 C) MOSCOW 14981 D) STATE 248235

1. I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AT 1 P.M. MOSCOW TIME TODAY
MONDAY OCTOBER 20 PATOLICHEV AND I EXECUTED THE GRAIN AGREEMENT
AND OIL LETTER OF INTENT AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL A.

2. WE HAVE ADVISED THE SOVIET THAT A STATEMENT WILL BE
RELEASED IN WASHINGTON AT 4 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME TODAY MONDAY
OCTOBER 20 AND ACCORDINGLY WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE SOVIETS'
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COOPERATION IN NOT RELEASING ANY STATEMENT BEFORE THIS TIME

WHICH WOULD BE 11 P.M. TODAY MOSCOW TIME. (THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS PLAN AND INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD NOT ISSUE A STATEMENT).

3. WE CONTINUE TO URGE A STATEMENT FROM WASHINGTON ALONG THE LINES RECOMMENDED PARA 5 A REFTEL. C, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE SOVIETS HAVE ASSURED US THAT THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF U.S. GRAIN FOR THE CURRENT YEAR WILL NOT BE IN A VOLUME WHICH COULD DISRUPT THE U.S. MARKET. THEY FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER UP TO 7 MILLION TONS AS NON-DISRUPTIVE UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS AND ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH REGARD TO ANY POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS BEYOND THIS LEVEL."

4. THE SOVIETS WOULD PREFER REDUCING THE 7.0 MILLION TON FIGURE PARA 3 ABOVE TO 5.0 MILLION TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON GRAIN MARKET BUT LEAVE THIS TO OUR JUDGMENT. WE AGREED WITH SOVIETS THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE INCLUSION OF COMMENTS IN PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT INDICATING THAT CONCLUSION OF THESE AGREEMENTS REPRESENTS A NEW ECONOMIC DIMENSION TO DETENTE PROVIDING MUTUAL BENEFITS.

5. I WILL DEPART MOSCOW AT 5:00 P.M. TODAY MONDAY OCTOBER 20 FOR PARIS TO ATTEND OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SPECIAL SESSION RETURNING TO WASHINGTON ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 24. MY STATEMENT AT THE MOSCOW AIRPORT TODAY WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY INSTRUCTIONS (REFTEL D) INDICATING THAT I HAVE COMPLETED MY TALKS IN MOSCOW AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN WASHINGTON SOON.

6. A COMPLETE SUMMARY OF MATTERS COVERED IN OUR TWO SESSIONS WITH PATOLICHEV TODAY MONDAY OCTOBER 20 WILL BE REPORTED BY SEPTEL.
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